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COUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Military Information from Potsdam25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 2 December 1953REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1PAGES 4 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 9 November 1953, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied to capacity. Sentries seen at the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport and artillery insignia. No training was observed in the barracks yard from 31 October to 9 November. Two 122-mm field guns were in front of the garages on 9 November. [REDACTED]

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2. On 9 November, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and at dusk was lighted to about 80 percent. Between 15 and 20 prime movers and about 80 lined-up soldiers were seen in the barracks area between 31 October and 9 November. Truck [REDACTED] occupied by 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia entered the installation.
3. On 9 November, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied to about 50 percent. No training activity was noticed. On 6 November, about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets who carried baggage entered the installation, coming from the direction of the Potsdam railroad station.

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4. On 9 November, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied and, at dusk, was lighted about 80 percent. On 31 October, 10 to 12 trucks and 5 prime movers were seen in the barracks yard. About 60 soldiers were nearby. [REDACTED]

5. On 9 November, 10 trucks practiced driving in the area of Bornstedter Feld. [REDACTED]

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6. On 9 November, the Unteroffizier Schule was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed from 4 to 9 November. [REDACTED]

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7. On 9 November, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed from 5 to 9 November. About 15 unarmed soldiers entered the installation on 6 November. [redacted]

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8. On 8 November, the Kavallerie Schule in Kramnitz was occupied by about 6,000 to 7,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, signal and motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed on 5 and 8 November. About 120 soldiers left the installation toward Bullenwinkel on 5 November. About 400 soldiers fired with carbines in the area near Bullenwinkel on 8 November. About 300 soldiers carrying field equipment left the installation for the training area north of the installation at about 9 p.m. on 8 November.

9. On 8 November, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. From 4 to 8 November, there was no training activity or motor vehicle traffic in the barracks area.

10. On 8 November, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by about 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. No training activity was observed on 4 November. [redacted]

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11. On 8 November, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. A prime mover towing a 152-mm gun left the installation on 5 November. No training activity was noticed. About 600 unarmed soldiers left the installation at 6:30 a.m. on 7 November. About 25 prime movers were seen at the athletic field on 7 November.

12. On 8 November, the southern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. There was no training activity in the barracks area on 4 and 5 November. About 40 officers and 10 uniformed women entered the installation on 5 November. [redacted]

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13. On 11 November, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 40 soldiers received instruction in the barracks area on 9 and 10 November, while about 30 soldiers were at athletics and about 25 soldiers received basic drill. About 15 trucks, with about 25 soldiers near by, were at Bornstedter Feld. [redacted]

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14. On 11 November, the Kriegsschule was occupied by about 650 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 9 and 10 November, 25 soldiers were at athletics, while other soldiers worked on vehicles and about 35 soldiers received field instruction at Bornstedter Feld. [redacted]

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15. On 6 November, the Unteroffizier Schule was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 5 November, the quarters were lighted about 50 percent. [redacted]

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16. On 6 November, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 450 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The installation was lighted about 75 percent. About 15 soldiers policed the installation and another 10 soldiers fixed flares on 6 November. There was no other training activity. [redacted] 2 25X1
17. On 12 November, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Five tanks which [redacted] were T-34/85 tanks, 1 tank truck and 5 tank trailers, [redacted] were seen in the barracks yard. 3 25X1
18. On 9 November, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 25X1
19. On 4 November, the two sections of the Delius Kaserne were occupied to capacity by about 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 20 prime movers, 1 x 152-mm howitzer and 1 x 122-mm field gun were in the barracks yard. [redacted] 25X1
20. On 9 November, about 20 trucks [redacted] headed toward Krampnitz were seen on Nedlitzer Chaussee near Kapellenberg. 25X1
21. On 12 November, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied by between 4,000 and 5,000 soldiers. In the morning from 30 October to 6 November, about 60 to 70 officers and about 1,200 soldiers trained passing a colonel for a review which [redacted] would be held on the day of the October Revolution. From 26 October to 6 November, 8 JS-III tanks, JSU-122 SP gun [redacted] and T-34 tanks [redacted] JS-1 tank [redacted] and JSU-122 SP gun [redacted] were seen in the barracks yard. On 29 October, about 200 soldiers carrying baggage were lined up in front of one building and subsequently left the installation toward Satz Korn on 16 trucks. On 2 November, about 150 soldiers carrying baggage left the installation toward Fehrland - Satz Korn on 12 trucks. On 4 November, truck [redacted] occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying baggage parked in front of one building. The soldiers were assigned to buildings Nos 26 and 28. About 200 to 250 soldiers daily left the installation toward the training area during the period under review. They carried long spades. [redacted] they belonged to a rifle unit quartered in buildings Nos 23, 26, 27, 28. A new shed about 30 x 10 meters was under construction behind shed No 56. On 6 November, all civilians were barred from the installation because of preparations for the day of the October Revolution. About 40 officers, mostly field grade officers, left the officers' mess in building No 11 at about 4 p.m. On 9 November, driving school trucks [redacted] were seen in the barracks area. Radio truck [redacted] was at the athletic field. From 10 to 12 November, about 60 to 100 recruits daily received training at the athletic field. Rocket launcher [redacted] parked in front of building No 16 on 12 November. 4

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color of the soldiers quartered at the Polizei Kaserne. []
[] soldiers with red-bordered black
epaulets. Paragraph 16 for the first time since the spring of 1953 again
mentions black-bordered crimson epaulets [] 25X1
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- 25X1 3. [] Comment. The 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div has been
carried at the Adolf Hitler Kaserne since 31 October. This is not
confirmed by the observations made in paragraph 13 and is only vaguely
confirmed by Paragraph 17. [] 25X1
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occupied []
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